

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q86324

Noboru YAMAJI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/525,015

Group Art Unit: 1654

Confirmation No.: 5025

Examiner: Andrew D. KOSAR

Filed: February 17, 2005

For: AN AGENT FOR INHIBITING ARTICULAR CARTILAGE EXTRACELLULAR  
MATRIX DEGRADATION

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of April 8, 2008 from July 8, 2008 to August 8, 2008.

The statutory fee of \$120.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

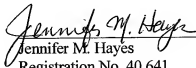
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